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ABSTRACT

More than 100 oral history projects in the state of Colorado are described. Information was collected from public libraries, historical societies, public schools, colleges, and universities in order to develop a statewide "locator file" of oral history tapes. This directory lists only those projects which have interview tapes and related oral history material available for public use. The entries are categorized according to the Colorado State Library's seven regional service systems. All entries for each region are further arranged by county. For each entry information is given on project name, agency address, and phone number. The descriptive information includes content of interviews, type of interviewees and interviewers, size of collection, and availability for public use. Topics include city growth, ethnic history, development of social and civic organizations, personal experiences of long-time residents, mining, and role of the national park system. Two indexes provide alphabetical listings of the projects by title and by city. (Author/AV)

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INTRODUCTION

In these days of continually increasing technology, some traditional methods of recording historical data seem to be undergoing changes. With the accelerated pace and pressures of life in modern-day society, few individuals write detailed letters or maintain daily journals. Historically important decisions are made during phone calls and social occasions, in automobiles and airplanes; the circumstances and factors involved in these events are lost. Brief memos result as the only recording: "As a result of our conversation on Tuesday, June 10, I will be...."

The gradual decline of private letters, diaries, and other intimate documents has created a gap in primary source material which oral historians are trying to fill. Oral history is primary source material obtained by recording spoken words, generally by means of a planned tape recorded interview of persons with previously unavailable information worth preserving.

Although the oral tradition is as old as history itself, oral history as an organized activity is fairly recent. Many men and women are collecting, with tape recordings, firsthand knowledge that would otherwise be lost; this material is being held in libraries, museums, or other repositories for researchers of this and succeeding generations.

Oral history plays an important part in scholarly research. Oral history can be used not only to study social, political, and business elites, but also in an essential way to study labor organizations, social movements, ethnic groups, and other minorities. Oral history not only provides a record of these groups, but also gives those interviewed an opportunity to express their feelings and experiences.

One field, which has been greatly stimulated by oral history, is the writing of biographies, both scholarly and popular. A major strength of the oral history approach is that it is able to record many impressions and incidents which illuminate the personality of the interviewee. Oral history also has great potential in the field of autobiography, especially since it enables illiterate and marginally literate people to reproduce their life stories.

Oral history is particularly suitable for local and regional history which is concerned about occurrences and details of life that are unique to a community or small area, and are not usually recorded in other sources.

Oral history also can be used to document contemporary events such as strikes, natural disasters, elections, or any other event worth recording. Oral history materials present many opportunities because they capture so much of life in the form of narrative description, characterization, attitude, speech, and personality.

Oral history also presents many opportunities in schools, colleges, and universities in the teaching of both historical methods and history itself.

In recent years there has been a growing interest in Colorado in tape recording interviews as a means of gathering significant historical information. Many local organization's members, librarians, and historians have started oral history projects.

In the fall of 1975, two oral history workshops were conducted by Dr. David McComb, chairman of the Department of History, Colorado State University, with presentations by Ms. Eleanor Gehres of the Western History Department, Denver Public Library, and Dr. Maxine Benson of the State Historical Society of Colorado. Workshop participants expressed the need for communication among existing projects and access to current information on project collections.

With these concerns in mind, in the spring of 1976, a Library Special Construction Act, Title III, Special Project Grant proposal was submitted to the Colorado State Library by the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library with co-sponsorship of the State Historical Society of Colorado to establish a Colorado Center for Oral History. A one-year grant was awarded and in October, 1976, work was started.

An Advisory Committee was selected to provide guidance for the program. The members were selected for their expertise in oral history and as appropriate representatives of participating agencies. The members are:

Ms. Nancy Whistler	Project Director, Committee Chairman
Ms. Eleanor Gehres	Head, Western History Department, Denver Public Library
Dr. Maxine Benson	Curator of Documentary Resources, Colorado State Historical Society
Mrs. Evelyn Brewster	Representative of Colorado State Library

Seven System librarians were selected as statewide library liaisons:

Ms. Maria Mata	Arkansas Valley Regional Library Service System
Mr. Ed Sayre	Central Colorado Regional Library Service System
Mr. Ron Stump	High Plains Regional Library Service System
Mr. Norman Sams	Pathfinder Regional Library Service System
Ms. Jeanne Owen	Plains and Peaks Regional Library Service System
Ms. Janice Beck	Southwest Regional Library Service System
Mr. Beryl Forrester	Three Rivers Regional Library Service System

The major objectives of the Colorado Center for Oral History are to inform the public of the availability of oral history throughout the state, to facilitate communication among existing oral history projects, and to encourage development of new projects in effective and productive ways.

All Colorado public libraries, historical societies, public schools, colleges, and universities were asked to assist in the development of a statewide locator file of oral history tapes. A large statewide mailing was made in January, 1977, consisting of an informational cover letter with a self-addressed postcard on which persons could indicate if they were

conducting a project and/or were serving as a depository for oral history tapes. The returned postcards indicated nearly 75 projects in Colorado.

A questionnaire, asking for basic information on each project, was mailed to each respondent. When the questionnaires were returned, a project card was made for the locator file. Interview cards were then mailed to the projects; projects were asked to type their own cards to insure the greatest degree of accuracy. These questionnaires, project cards, and interview cards provided the necessary information for listing in this Directory.

Personal visits were made to large projects, and to those needing information and assistance. Participation by the project director in several workshops brought more oral history projects to our attention. These personal contacts made by the project director helped insure participation and cooperation of the people doing oral history projects.

Most persons involved in oral history activities wanted to learn more about practices and procedures. In an attempt to meet this need for education, an information packet was compiled by the project director and was printed by the Colorado State Library. Distributed upon request, the information packet provides basic information about conducting and organizing oral history projects.

The responses to the clearinghouse have been positive; project personnel have been enthusiastic and cooperative. The support of all oral history projects in Colorado is crucial to the success of the Colorado Center for Oral History.

To date nearly 110 projects, with approximately 2,500 interviews, have been reported. This Directory lists only the Colorado oral history projects which have interview tapes and related oral history material available for public use. Due to the large number of interview tapes, individual tapes are not listed at this time, but only the approximate number of tapes in each collection. Information on individual tapes of each project has been compiled in the locator file of the Colorado Center for Oral History. Contact the Western History Department, Denver Public Library, 1357 Broadway, Denver, Colorado, 80203 (573-5152, Ext. 246) for this information.

This Directory lists the Colorado oral history projects by geographical locations. The statewide division of counties into seven regional library service systems, developed by the Colorado State Library, has been used in setting up the locator file of oral history projects and tapes. The projects are listed by the seven regional systems, first by county, and next by city and agency.

The information about each project was obtained mainly through correspondence, the questionnaire, and interview cards. There was no attempt made to visit and index each collection; this would have been impractical and impossible with the limited time and money provided by the grant. Therefore, the project descriptions have been compiled from the information submitted by each project respondent.

The information describing each project includes location, purpose of the project, general subject area, approximate number of available tapes and transcripts, and the policy for using the material in the project collection.

In addition to oral history interview tapes, many projects have in their collections speeches, folk music, lectures, radio interviews, and the like. These materials, however valuable, fall outside the bounds of oral history as we have defined it. They may be mentioned, but the number of tapes generally refers to the actual oral history interviews.

This listing gives the status of Colorado oral history activities as completely as possible. A comprehensive statewide listing of oral history projects is difficult, as existing projects are continually being brought to the attention of the clearinghouse, and new projects are being developed often.

This Directory could not have been published without the cooperation of the projects, the interest and assistance of the Advisory Committee, the support of the sponsoring agencies, and the dedication of the Colorado Center for Oral History staff.

The Directory reflects the diversity in size, scope, procedures, and utilization of oral history materials in Colorado. In several projects, interviews are conducted by volunteers interested in their communities, while others have numerous trained interviewers working to collect information. The number of tapes in the oral history collections vary greatly from project to project.

The tapes generated in the Colorado projects are used in many different ways: in addition to providing useful information for historians, their material has been the basis of publications. Six high schools in Colorado published magazines based on oral history interviews. Many historical societies have used their tapes to write the history of their cities and counties. Individuals have used oral history interviews to gather information about specific subjects.

Several projects have used oral history material in preparing slide/tape programs to be shown to Colorado audiences. Other projects have utilized interviews as a means of promoting community spirit by establishing new communication between generations.

Public awareness of oral history is growing; numerous projects are being developed. New projects are seeking assistance and information. Existing project personnel are interested in learning more about oral history procedures: storage, cataloging, selecting and training interviewers, choosing interviewees, and making their material available for use.

The Colorado Center for Oral History hopes that this Directory will lead researchers to use oral history material, will increase communication among oral history practitioners in Colorado, and will inform the public that oral history is an increasingly important aspect of the operation of libraries, educational institutions, and historical societies in Colorado.

GUIDE TO USING THE DIRECTORY

This Directory of Colorado oral history projects has been set up by geographic locations. The Colorado State Library's seven regional library service systems are the first designated locations. The next location indicated is the county. Each county is divided by city and then by agency where the interview tapes of each project are available for use.

The agency address and telephone number are listed; the telephone area code for the entire State of Colorado is 303. Below the agency data is the title of the project or collection. A brief description of each Colorado oral history project or collection gives general information on subject of interviews, type of interviewees and interviewers, size of collection, and the availability for public use.

The project listings are followed by two indexes. The first index lists each project alphabetically and the second index is an alphabetized geographical listing by city. These indexes should provide easy access to the individual projects.

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ARKANSAS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM:

Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Cheyenne, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, and Pueblo.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM:

Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Denver, Clear Creek, Douglas, Gilpin, and Jefferson.

HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM:

Kit Carson, Larimer, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Weld, and Yuma.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM:

Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Mesa, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel.

PLAINS AND PEAKS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM:

Elbert, El Paso, Lincoln, Park, and Teller.

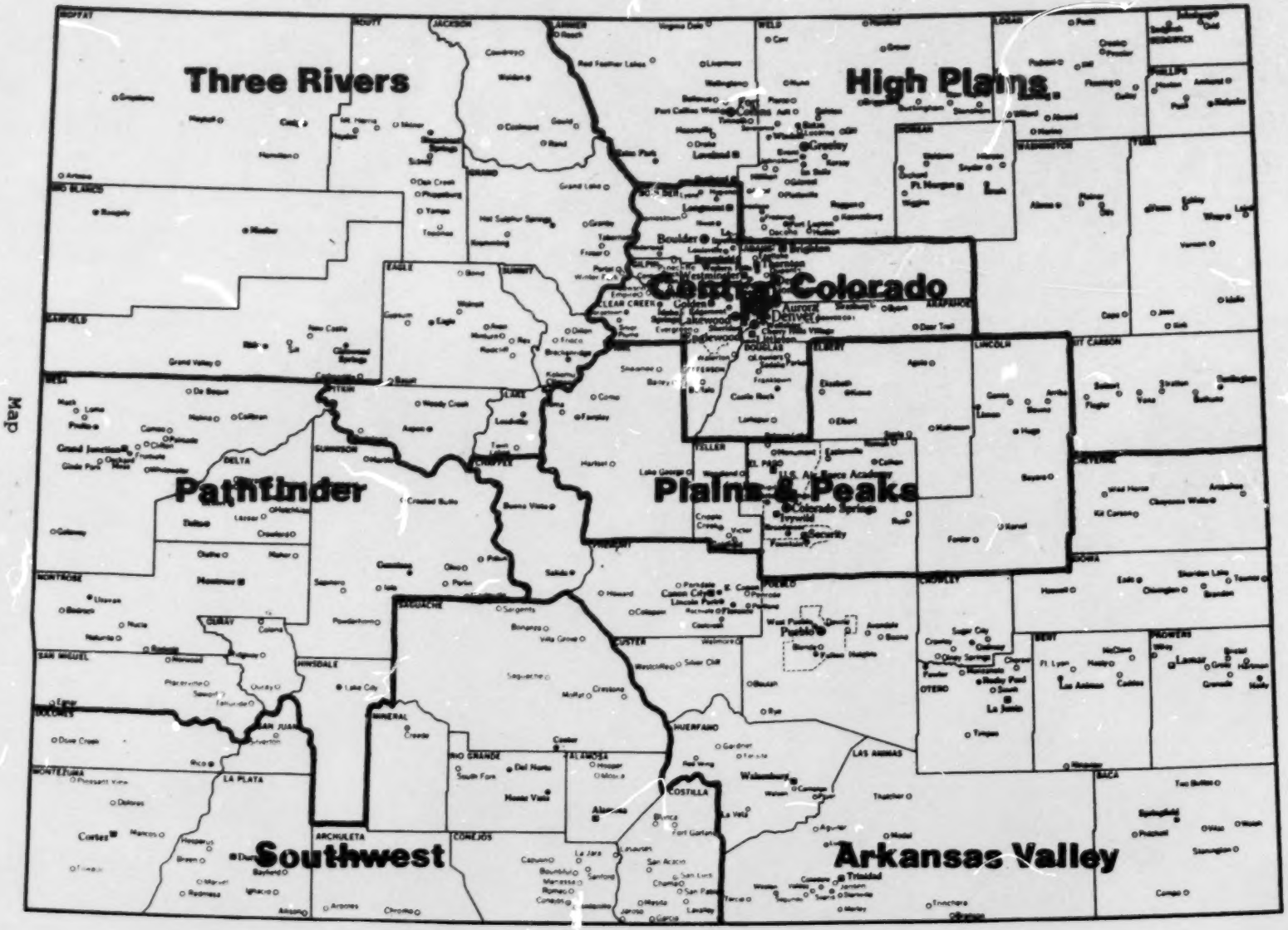
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM:

Alamosa, Archuleta, Conejos, Costilla, Dolores, La Plata, Mineral, Montezuma, Rio Grande, Saguache, and San Juan.

THREE RIVERS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM:

Eagle, Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Lake, Moffat, Pitkin, Rio Blanco, Routt, and Summit.

Regional Library Service Systems in Colorado



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LAS ANIMAS COUNTY

TRINIDAD

Trinidad Historical Society
Baca House and Pioneer Museum
P. O. Box 472
Trinidad, Colorado 81082
846-7217

"Baca House and Pioneer Museum Oral History Collection"

This project was developed to collect and assemble, in one location, the recorded conversations of Trinidad's more senior residents remembering the past. The interviews give information primarily on the geographic Trinidad region and the experiences of the Trinidad people.

The interviewing began in June, 1977, with volunteer interviewers. The tape and use of the recorders is donated.

Availability of the tapes generated by this project will be limited to use at the Trinidad Pioneer Museum.

OTERO COUNTY

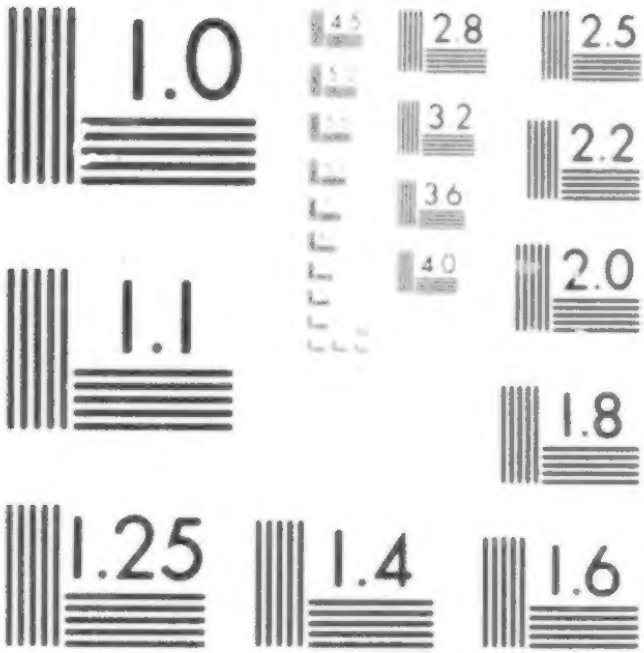
LA JUNTA

Woodruff Memorial Library
P. O. Box 479
La Junta, Colorado 81050
384-4612

"La Junta Heritage Foundation, Inc. Oral History Project"

The two sponsoring agencies, La Junta Heritage Foundation, Inc. and Woodruff Memorial Library, planned this project to preserve recollections of local color and events both past and present.

Volunteer interviewers started to tape record La Junta residents in 1975. The collection of twelve tapes is available for use in the Woodruff Memorial Library.



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ARKANSAS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

PUEBLO COUNTY

PUEBLO

Pueblo Regional Library
100 E. Abriendo Avenue
Pueblo, Colorado 81004
544-1900

"Pueblo Regional Library, Western Research Room Project"

The primary concern of this project is Pueblo, Pueblo County, and the Arkansas Valley. The oral history interviews are treated as a basic part of the Western Research Room's acquisition activities. The interviews that have been completed and that are planned are of two types: they either supplement existing information or record a subject area where there are no records.

Interviewing began in January, 1976. The project is funded through the Pueblo Regional Library budget.

There are currently eight tapes available for use in the Western Research Room of the Pueblo Regional Library.

Vineland Middle School
1132 Lane 36
Pueblo, Colorado 81006
948-3336

"Vineland Chronicle"

The purpose of this student oral history project is to preserve a brief record of the locality. This is accomplished by the production of a Vineland history booklet by social studies classes.

The project is funded by the school district. It started in January, 1976, as a Bicentennial Project with a small grant from the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission.

The interviews are conducted by students. The project is limited to three-week sessions held twice during each school year. Presently, there are six available tapes.

The tape collection is at the Vineland Middle School. Tapes can be copied for the price of tapes and thermofax.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

ADAMS COUNTY

BRIGHTON

Adams County Historical Society
Route 2, Box 120 P8
Brighton, Colorado 80601
659-4150

"Root: Common Experiences of a Diverse Community"

The purpose of this project is to document heritage of the four ethnic groups in the Brighton area and their contributions to the growth and development of the area. This information will be used to further knowledge and understanding between members of the Brighton community. The four groups are Germans from Russia, Japanese, Chicanos, and Anglos.

The project began March 21, 1977, and will last until November 25, 1977; it is funded by Brighton Community Ad Hoc Committee and Colorado Humanities Program grants, in cooperation with Colorado University, Colorado State Historical Society, Japanese in Colorado Study Project, and Adams County Historical Society.

The interviews are being conducted by staff members and volunteers associated with the four participating agencies.

Ultimately there will be several hundred oral history tapes. A majority of these will be transcribed.

The tapes will be available to any legitimate user, as determined by the Adams County Historical Society.

WESTMINSTER

Westminster Public Library
3031 West 76th Avenue
Westminster, Colorado 80030
429-8311

"Westminster Then and Now"

This project was conducted to gather information for writing a history of Westminster, 1915-1976. Local residents were interviewed by the author.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

ADAMS COUNTY

WESTMINSTER

The interviewing started in the fall, 1975. The project was funded by the Westminster City Council. The tape recorded interviews stopped when the history was written.

During the project, 32 tapes were completed. These tapes are available for use at the Westminster Public Library.

ADAMS COUNTY/ARAPAHOE COUNTY

AURORA

Aurora Public Library
1298 Peoria Street
Aurora, Colorado 80011
364-9358

"Aurora Historical Society Oral History Committee"

The purpose of the project is to build an appreciation of those persons who have contributed to Aurora and to develop a sense of community identity. Aurora residents are interviewed about the history of Aurora, their reasons for coming to Aurora, and their descriptions of early Aurora.

The project began in January, 1976, and is funded by the Aurora Historical Society dues and the Aurora Historical Commission. The Commission provides the recording equipment. The interviewers are volunteers, members of the Aurora Historical Society.

The four tapes in the collection will be placed in the Oral History section of the Aurora Public Library.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

ARAPAHOE COUNTY

ENGLEWOOD

Englewood Public Library
3400 South Elati
Englewood, Colorado 80110
761-4376

"Local History Collection"

Taped interviews with early residents were made as a part of the local history collection. The people interviewed were those who had long association with the community.

The interviews were conducted by a trained historian. The project started in 1972, and the production of tapes was funded by a grant from the State Library. The project may be resumed with local funding in the future.

There are forty tapes in the collection; copies of these tapes are circulated by the Englewood Public Library.

LITTLETON

Littleton Historical Museum
6028 South Gallup
Littleton, Colorado 80120
798-2557

"Littleton Historical Museum Oral History File"

The purpose of the project is to collect oral data on past and contemporary history of the community to be used in research, school programs, and public programs.

The Littleton Oral History File is general in scope. It includes interviews with individuals covering topics related to economic, social, political, cultural, and business history of past and contemporary Littleton.

The project is ongoing with limited time and funds being appropriated. Funding is through the museum's budget with some supplemental funds from the Friends of the Museum.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

ARAPAHOE COUNTY

LITTLETON

Trained interviewers have collected over 25 tapes. The oral history tapes are indexed; these tapes are available for use within the museum and duplicates may be purchased by special arrangement.

SHERIDAN

Sheridan Library
3201 W. Oxford Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80236
789-5422

"Sheridan History Project"

This project collected local history in an authoritative and interesting manner. Sheridan is an incorporated area of former Logantown, Petersburg, and Sheridan Junction. Interviewing is limited to Sheridan community history with priority being given to the oldest residents.

This ongoing project started in November, 1975, with limited funds from the Sheridan Community Library Committee.

The collection of five tapes can be used only at the Sheridan Library until transcripts or duplicate copies are made.

BOULDER COUNTY

BOULDER

Boulder High School
1604 Arapahoe Avenue
Boulder, Colorado 80302
442-2430

"Boulder's Local History"

The purpose of this project is to train students to communicate with older adults and to learn uses of oral history. The topics are varied as they are chosen on the basis of ethnic experiences, business histories, and regional mining activities.

BOULDER COUNTY

BOULDER

The students of a local history class are the interviewers. The project is ongoing and is funded by the Boulder Valley School District.

There are approximately twenty tapes which can be used by anyone during the regular school hours. The tapes have not been transcribed.

Boulder Public Library
1000 Canyon, P. O. Drawer H
Boulder, Colorado 80302
441-3100

"Boulder Women's Oral History Project"

The purpose of the project is to explore the lives and experiences of women, and to incorporate that knowledge into historical interpretation of the past.

The project was originally funded by grants from the Boulder Centennial-Bicentennial Commission and the fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education. The project started in the fall of 1974, as an experimental studies course at the University of Colorado, with a focus on the oral history of women in the City of Boulder. Since then, it has become a regular course offering in the Department of History, and the scope has broadened to include women in all parts of Colorado.

The interviews are conducted by students under the direction of the project director. Many of the tapes will be available for use at the Boulder Public Library; the other tapes will be held by the director.

"Eldorado Springs Oral History Project"

The purpose of the project is to provide information on the history of Eldorado Springs. The younger members of this small community, numbering approximately 150 persons, interview older residents.

The project started in January, 1977. Meetings are held every other week to listen to speakers on oral history techniques and Eldorado Springs history. This project allows the community to write its own history, with ways to involve all members. Hopefully, a pamphlet will be printed soon.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

BOULDER COUNTY

BOULDER

The collection of tapes is small at this time, five, but will grow in number. The interview tapes can be used at the Boulder Public Library, and they are available anytime the library is open by asking at the reference desk.

The Boulder Public Library also has a collection of ten tapes done by the Boulder branch of the American Association of University Women. These are available for use at the library.

"Family Portrait"

This project is for research and script development for a 30-minute, 16-mm., color, documentary film. Oral history tapes will be collected during the research. The purpose of the script is to focus on three generations of women within one family in order to trace the changing roles for women and record the impact of changing social values upon the family structure.

Work on the project began in spring, 1977. The funding for this project is from the Colorado Humanities Program. The oral history tapes generated by this project will be deposited at the Boulder Public Library.

"Boulder's Chicano Community: Where Is It?"

This oral history project is part of a project to present an overview of the survival and evolution of Chicano people in Boulder since the town was formed. The project will help to develop awareness about the struggle of Chicano people in an Anglo society.

The project was funded in September, 1976, by a grant from the Colorado Humanities Program. The oral history portion of the project will end in December, 1977. The tapes of these interviews will be available for use at the Boulder Public Library.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

BOULDER COUNTY

BOULDER

Director, History of Sugarloaf
Sugarloaf Star Route
Boulder, Colorado 80302
444-1082

"The History of Sugarloaf"

The purpose of this project was to inform the residents of Sugarloaf of the strong and cohesive community which existed there during the boom days.

An hour-long documentary (tape and slide show) was produced from eight interview tapes and photographs on the history of Sugarloaf during the tungsten-mining years.

The project started in January, 1977, and was funded by a grant from the Colorado Humanities Program. The cassettes from the original interviews and the master reel-to-reel one-hour produced documentary are available by contacting the project director.

Western Historical Collections
University of Colorado Libraries
Boulder, Colorado 80302
492-7242

"University of Colorado History Collection"

This collection resulted from research for the history of the University, 1876 to 1976. The purpose was to obtain information from participants.

The project started in 1967. Historians and members of the faculty were the interviewers. The project ended when the funding by the University of Colorado Centennial Commission was expended.

There are twenty tapes in the collection, with three transcribed. The tapes are available for public use at the library. There are some tapes that have been restricted by interviewees; these are not available at this time.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

BOULDER COUNTY

ERIE

Erie Junior-Senior High School Library
650 Main Street
Erie, Colorado 80516
665-6859

"Erie Centennial Club"

Erie history and the history of coal mining in the areas as recalled by Erie's elderly residents was taped by student members of the Erie Centennial Club. These tapes were done in conjunction with a student project to print a written history of the area.

This project, as part of the Erie Centennial-Bicentennial activities, was conducted during the 1975 school year. The funding was by a district grant.

Eleven oral history tapes were made, and can be heard in the school library during school hours. The eleven tapes were transcribed and the transcripts are available at the Boulder Public Library.

LAFAYETTE

Lafayette Public Library
300 East Simpson
Lafayette, Colorado 80026
665-5200

"Lafayette Local History"

This project was planned to collect information on local history. Efforts were made in many directions: organizations were asked to write their histories, photographs were solicited, music of the area was recorded, and oral history interviews with elderly residents were conducted. Nineteen people, over ninety years of age, who had lived in Lafayette most of their lives, were interviewed for the project.

The project was started in 1974, and was originally funded by a Library Special Construction Act, Special Project Grant, Title III, through the Colorado State Library. The interviewers were volunteers. There are 34 tapes in the collection; all but three are transcribed. The Lafayette local history collection is available to the public at the Lafayette Public Library.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

BOULDER COUNTY

LONGMONT

St. Vrain Valley School District RE-1J
Career Development Center
395 South Pratt Parkway
Longmont, Colorado 80501
776-6200

"St. Vrain Valley Historical Society/'History of Longmont'"

This project was a personal project by a member of the St. Vrain Valley Historical Society. A booklet and accompanying tape on the "History of Longmont" was developed from interviews with residents in the Longmont area. This project was completed in 1974.

Copies of the taped interviews and the printed booklet have been given to the Longmont Public Library, Longmont Museum, and the RE-1J School District. The material may be used at those locations.

Longmont Pioneer Museum
302 Kimbark
Longmont, Colorado 80501
776-6050

"Longmont Pioneer History (1865-1925)"

This project records pioneer history, 1865-1925. Elderly residents are interviewed, those living in the Longmont/St. Vrain Valley area.

The project is ongoing and funded only by the general museum budget. There are currently twelve tapes available for use under supervision.

LOUISVILLE

Louisville Public Library
749 Main Street
Louisville, Colorado 80027
666-6037

"Louisville Oral History"

The purpose of this project is to preserve memories of long-time Louisville residents. Librarians tape record interviews with these residents.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

BOULDER COUNTY

LOUISVILLE

The project began in 1975. $600 in Federal funds were used to collect the history of Louisville, including the taped interviews.

There are presently fifteen tapes with two transcripts. These can be used at the Louisville Public Library.

"Louisville Centennial Committee Oral History Project"

Members of the Louisville Centennial Commission will tape residents' memories through 1977 and 1978. These tapes will be deposited at the Louisville Public Library.

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

IDAHO SPRINGS

Idaho Springs Public Library
Box 117
Idaho Springs, Colorado 80452
567-2020

"Historical Society of Idaho Springs, Clear Creek County Oral History"

Elderly Clear Creek County residents are interviewed by Historical Society of Idaho Springs members. The oral history tapes contain historical information about social events, schools, businesses, mines, and personal recollections.

The project is funded by an individual member of the Historical Society, and is ongoing and was started in 1971. There are currently sixteen tapes. The tapes are available at the Idaho Springs Public Library; another set is being prepared for the Underhill Museum in Idaho Springs.

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Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society, Inc.
16815 East Costilla Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80232
771-0188

"The History of Cherry Creek Valley"

Members of the Cherry Creek Valley Historical Society will be interviewing persons in the Cherry Creek Valley area. The oral history interviews will add to collections of photographs, maps, abstracts, and teacher registers for the Sterne School which provide information on the history of the Cherry Creek Valley.

The tapes will be stored and available for use at the relocated Melvin schoolhouse, which is being restored and will be used as a museum.

Colorado Medical Society
1601 East 19th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80221
534-8580

"Historical Archives of Colorado Medical Society"

Items of interest for the Historical Archives of the Colorado Medical Society are collected by tape recorded interviews of older members of the society or persons who have been active in areas of Colorado medicine and public health.

Interviewing started in 1959; the interviews are conducted by a historian. The Colorado Medical Society funds the project out of the general budget for Public Relations.

The collection of twenty tapes is available for programs of the Society's thirty local societies, and to other organizations upon request at the Colorado Medical Society Library.

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DENVER COUNTY

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Denver Public Library
Conservation Library
1357 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80203
573-5152, Ext. 254

"Conservation Library Oral History Collection"

The Conservation Library has obtained oral history material pertinent to their holdings.

The National Park Service Tape Transcripts Collection was received as a gift. There are 122 transcripts, eight indexed reels and fifteen original indexes without revisions. This collection, although national in scope, has interviews of special interest to Colorado researchers. These interviews give information about Mesa Verde National Park and Rocky Mountain National Park. The transcripts of interviews with John Muir supplement the papers of John Muir which were donated to the Conservation Library.

In the U.S. Forest Service tape collection many interviews contain discussions concerning locations and events of Colorado.

The Berkeley Collection is seven hardbound books of transcriptions of interviews conducted by the University of California, Bancroft Library, Regional Oral History Office.

In addition, the Conservation Library has a few microfiches of oral history interviews.

All of these oral history materials can be used in the Conservation Library at the Denver Public Library.

Western History Department, 573-5152, Ext. 246

"Western History Department Oral History Collection"

The Western History Department, in addition to serving as a depository for tapes, houses the Colorado Center for Oral History, a clearinghouse for oral history projects and tapes in Colorado.

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The Colorado Center for Oral History was established through a one-year Library Special Construction Act Title III Project Grant granted by the Colorado State Library and supported by the State Historical Society of Colorado. No interviews are generated by the Center at this time.

The Western History Department's collection of oral history material began in 1972, as a project to interview urban leaders. It was prematurely ended eight months later by the death of the director. Tapes have been donated and a few interviews have been conducted since that time.

There are presently 45 oral history tapes with thirteen transcripts. About 150 more tapes include radio interviews, programs, speeches (City Club Tapes include speeches made weekly between March 12, 1968, to June 23, 1970), and lectures (four tapes of railroad development in Colorado 1876-1976).

This material is available for use in the Western History Department of the Denver Public Library.

East High School
1545 Detroit
Denver, Colorado 80206
388-5603

"Humanities: Colorado/East High School"

In commemoration of the Centennial (1976) celebration of East High School, students in humanities set out to find out about East High School from earlier graduates. The purpose of the project was for the students to develop a personal acquaintance with the establishment and development of their high school as the first high school in Denver.

The project began in September, 1975, and continued for one year. It was funded through the Denver Public School's Programs for School Excellence.

Ten interview tapes were made. These tapes can be heard in the library at East High School during regular school hours by making advance arrangements with the librarian.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

DENVER COUNTY

DENVER

Director, Hidden Faces
925 Monroe
Denver, Colorado 80203
355-0413

"Women in Colorado: Hidden Faces Oral History Project"

The purpose of this project was to provide Coloradans with exposure to the "missing half" of state history and to reassure women that they are very much a part of history, stimulate community interest and involvement in women's history.

The first objective of the "Hidden Faces" project was to prepare a touring graphic exhibit on the lifestyles and experiences of representative women of Colorado, rather than "famous" women who have already received recognition for their contributions in the development of Colorado.

The project started in December, 1975, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, with a supporting grant from the Colorado State Historical Society. The exhibit was first shown in June, 1977.

The sixty indexed tapes in the "Hidden Faces" collection consist of interviews with women living in all parts of Colorado. The tapes were gathered over a one-year period. Most of the interviews were with women over seventy years of age, who have recollections of life in Colorado before 1920. There are a few interviews with younger women in southwestern Colorado, discussing local health care for women. The collection also has several taped interviews with men.

A list of the tapes can be obtained by writing the project director. Tapes may be used upon arrangement with the project director.

LARASA, Latin American Research and Service Agency
1150 Delaware Street
Denver, Colorado 80204
623-1465

"LARASA Oral History of Jrban Spanish-surnamed Citizens Project"

This project is being planned as a study of the history of the Spanish-surnamed American in urban Denver: their survival, evolution, contributions, struggles, etc.

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LARASA, the Denver Public Library, KOA-TV (Channel 4), and the Community College of Denver will be cooperating in the development and production of a series of oral history cassette tapes narrating such a history through interviews with Spanish-surnamed senior citizens who were the leaders and builders of urban Denver's Spanish-surnamed community.

The oral history tapes will be disseminated throughout Colorado in schools and libraries for scholarly, educational, and cultural awareness purposes.

Loretto Heights College
May Bonfils Stanton Library
3001 South Federal Boulevard
Denver, Colorado 80236
936-8441

"History of Loretto Heights College"

Oral history was used to tape record highlights of the history of the College. There are several interviews in the collection of 28 tapes which provide information about the College's history.

The interviewing, by a historian, was funded through the Audio-Visual Department of the College.

These oral history tapes can be used with special permission at the May Bonfils Stanton Library at Loretto Heights College.

Regis College
Division of Philosophy and Religious Studies
West 50th Avenue and Lowell Boulevard
Denver, Colorado 80221
433-8471, Ext. 375/434

"Chicago School"

Oral history interviews were conducted to provide additional information for a manuscript on the "Chicago School." The tapes surround the founding and function of the "Chicago School," a group of men at the University of Chicago in the 1920s and 1930s involved in the

socio-historical method of writing religious history. The tapes reflect the moods and attitudes of that time period.

The project was personally funded by the trained historian who conducted the interviews.

This collection of fifteen tapes, reel-to-reel, with five transcribed, can be used at Regis College upon arrangement with the director of the Division of Philosophy and Religious Studies.

State Historical Society of Colorado
1300 Broadway
Denver, Colorado 80203
892-2305

"State Historical Society of Colorado Oral History Collection"

This collection of tapes are reminiscences or recollections of aspects of life in various areas of Colorado. These taped interviews were conducted by volunteers, and most tapes date from the mid-1950s to the present.

The costs of tape, equipment, and other materials are shared between the State Historical Society of Colorado and volunteers of the State Historical Society of Colorado. The project is ongoing. The collection of nearly 300 tapes, except for some restricted tapes, is available to the public at the State Historical Society of Colorado Library.

"Reflections of the Centennial-Bicentennial"

The project conducted by the volunteers of the State Historical Society is the first of several projects dealing with contemporaries and their attitudes and opinions about matters of current interest.

The purpose of this project is to interview a cross section of people from various age groups, geographic locations, socio-economic levels, and ethnic and religious backgrounds as to what their lives were like in 1976-77. How they celebrated the Centennial-Bicentennial, their hopes for the future, and their reactions to Colorado's growth are also included.

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DENVER COUNTY

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This project, funded by the Society and its volunteers, started early in 1977, and interviews are currently being done. The tapes are being deposited and will be available for public use at the State Historical Society of Colorado Library.

"Oral History of Colorado Project"

This project was planned to obtain research materials about Colorado through biographical interviews with Colorado leaders or those who know about historical events.

The project was conducted from September, 1973, until July, 1977. It was funded by the Boettcher Foundation and the Colorado State University Experiment Station. The interviews were conducted by a trained oral historian. The 116 taped interviews are transcribed; the material is available for use at the State Historical Society.

"Big Thompson Disaster"

The purpose of this project was to get a comprehensive coverage of key people and others involved with the Big Thompson flood of 1976. Oral history interviews were done to record the experiences of victims, rescue workers, agency heads, police, and others in the flood, as well as preparation rescue and recovery operations.

The project was funded by Colorado State University. The interviewers were faculty members directed by a historian trained in oral history techniques. Forty-one tapes were collected. After the transcriptions are completed they will be available for public use at the State Historical Society of Colorado Library.

Washington Park Community Center
622 East Ohio Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80209
733-4634

"History of Old South Denver, 1860s to Present"

This project was developed to collect researched information and anecdotes from elderly residents of Old South Denver. The findings will be published in a booklet.

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DENVER COUNTY

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The project started in March, 1977, with volunteer interviewers. It is funded by a small grant from the South Central Improvement Association.

This collection of two tapes may be used at the Washington Park Community Center.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

EVERGREEN

Hiwan Homestead Museum
Box 703
Evergreen, Colorado 80438
674-6262

"Jefferson County Historical Society/Speak to the Ages"

The project was developed to interview and tape early-day residents of Jefferson County in order to perpetuate their knowledge of historical happenings and events for a background of information to better understand the present and plan for the future.

The primary interest is in the early-day history of Jefferson County concerning ranching, mining, farming, schools, and granges and how these affected the economic development of Jefferson County.

The project, funded by the Jefferson County Historical Society, began in June, 1976. The project is ongoing with the attempt to tape the older pioneers first. The 35 tapes and transcripts are available to anyone researching for historical data. They may be used only at the Hiwan Homestead Museum with supervision.

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

JEFFERSON COUNTY

GOLDEN

Astor House Hotel Museum
822-12th Street
Golden, Colorado 80401
278-3557

"Golden History"

The older native residents of Golden are being interviewed by volunteer members of the Golden Landmark Association. Those interviewed are asked to relate memories of Golden's growth and to recall events, buildings, and personalities. The information derived from the interviews will be used for research and documentation.

The project started in 1974. The collection is small as funding is not presently available. The two tapes may be heard at the Astor House Hotel Museum.

LAKEWOOD

Lakewood Regional Library
10200 West 20th Avenue
Lakewood, Colorado 80215
238-8411

"Jefferson County Oral History"

The Jefferson County Oral History Commission purchased equipment and tapes to record persons who are long-time residents of Jefferson County.

The interviews are conducted by members of the Commission and other interested historical society members. Many communities are represented in this approach: Arvada, Edgewater, Evergreen, Golden, Lakewood, Morrison, and Wheat Ridge.

Lakewood Regional Library will serve as the depository for these oral history tapes; copies also will be available at locations in the individual communities. At Lakewood Regional Library the tapes will be available for public use during regular business hours.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

DELTA COUNTY

PAONIA

Paonia Public Library
P. O. Box L
Paonia, Colorado 81428
527-3470

"Paonia Local History"

Several oral history interview tapes of Paonia residents are available at the Paonia Public Library. Interviewing in the community is done on a limited volunteer basis and tapes are deposited at the library. These are available to the public during library hours.

At the present time there is no funding, so interviews must be private ventures.

GUNNISON COUNTY

GUNNISON

Gunnison County Public Library
307 North Wisconsin
Gunnison, Colorado 81230
641-3485

"Gunnison County Oral History"

The purpose of the project was to record the impressions of various long-time residents of the Gunnison area. Attempts were made to find residents who were ranchers, miners, and educators. The tapes deal with the residents' views of what it was like to live in Gunnison and memories of their ancestors.

The project started in February, 1976, and was funded by the Friends of the Library. It is complete, but plans are being made to add additional tapes to the library collection.

The Gunnison Oral History Project consists of fifteen interviews. They were originally taped on reel-to-reel. After indexing the interviews they were copied onto cassettes. The reel-to-reel master tapes will be stored in the Western State College Savage Library. The cassette copies can be heard at the Gunnison County Public Library.

PATHFINDER REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

MESA COUNTY

GRAND JUNCTION

Mesa County Library
530 Grand Avenue
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501
243-9200

"Historical Museum and Mesa County Oral History Project"

In Grand Junction the Historical Museum and Institute of Western Colorado, Mesa County Library, and the Mesa County Historical Society sponsor the Mesa County Oral History Project. The purpose of the project is to collect taped accounts of the early days on the Western Slope, the histories of the county which are in the unwritten memories of those who lived it.

The project began late in 1974, with funding by the three cooperating agencies and a Centennial-Bicentennial grant. The ongoing project currently has eighty tapes, with fifty tapes transcribed. None of the tapes are restricted; there is total public access at the Mesa County Library.

MONTROSE COUNTY

MONTROSE

Montrose Senior High School
Ptarmigan Quarterly Inc.
600 South Townsend Avenue
Montrose, Colorado 81401
249-3416

"Ptarmigan Quarterly Inc."

The purpose of this student "foxfire" project is to preserve the cultural history and heritage of southwestern Colorado. A magazine is written, photographed, and laid out by high school students. The stories contain local folklore, history, and things of interest in the Montrose area.

The original funding for the project was grants from the Boettcher Foundation, Colorado Council of Arts and Humanities, and the Colorado Department of Education.

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Oral History interviews were conducted by a class of junior and senior students. There are fifty tapes and transcripts which have been generated by this project. They are available at the Montrose Senior High School. Subscriptions and past copies of "Ptarmigan Quarterly Inc." are available through the High School.

SAN MIGUEL COUNTY

TELLURIDE

San Miguel County Historical Society and Museum
P. O. Box 515
Telluride, Colorado 81435
728-3344

"San Miguel County Historical Society and Museum Oral History Collection"

No interviewing is being done presently, but there are three oral history taped interviews and transcripts deposited at the museum. These are interviews with local residents who relate their thoughts on Telluride, its history, and lifestyles.

This oral history material can be used by the public at the San Miguel County Historical Society and Museum.

HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

LARIMER COUNTY

ESTES PARK

Estes Park Public Library
P. O. Box 1687, Bond Park
Estes Park, Colorado 80517
587-3180

"Local History"

In an effort to make a permanent oral record of local history, old-timers are interviewed one-to-one, informally, and on specific topics; programs featuring local history and significant current local events are taped.

The project, started in 1972, is ongoing, and is funded by the library operating budget and volunteers. This project is a cooperative effort with the Rocky Mountain National Park and the Estes Park Historical Society.

There are over forty tapes in the collection. The tapes are in the Estes Park Public Library; they may be checked out by anyone with a library card and used at the library by others.

Rocky Mountain National Park (and)
Shadow Mountain National Recreation Area
Estes Park, Colorado 80517
586-2385

"Rocky Mountain National Park and Shadow Mountain National Recreation Area--Oral History Collection"

This oral history project was established to collect further historical data concerning the park area. This project operates on an informal basis, with funds and personnel appropriated as necessary.

There are over twenty interview tapes in the collection; these tapes may be used by the public after making arrangements through the Chief Park Naturalist.

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LARIMER COUNTY

FORT COLLINS

Colorado State University Archives
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523
491-5911, Ext. 70

"University History Project"

The purpose of the project was to compile information relating to the history of Colorado State University.

The project began in 1974, and was funded by various University funds. The interviews were completed in 1976.

There are thirty tapes in the collection and they may be used by prior arrangement with the Archivist.

Department of History, 491-6854, -6334

"Germans from Russia in Colorado Study Project"

The purpose of this project is to study, research, document, and disseminate information concerning the German-Russian population of Colorado.

This ongoing project began in the summer of 1975, and is funded by Colorado State University and some outside funds. The interviewers are history department faculty members and graduate students.

There are now over twenty tapes and ten transcripts. The tapes are restricted and may be used only by calling the Department of History at Colorado State University and obtaining permission of the project director.

Fort Collins Public Library
201 Peterson
Fort Collins, Colorado 80521
493-4422

"Larimer County Reminiscences" and "Larimer County Oral History"

The first consideration of this project is to interview pioneers or descendants and then to record special local events, important speeches and people, interested community members, and the media.

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LARIMER COUNTY

FORT COLLINS

The original funding was by a Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) grant in June, 1974. The present ongoing project, "Larimer County Oral History," is funded by the Fort Collins Public Library.

Many tapes generated by grants from the High Plains Regional Library Service System are deposited at the Library. These tapes include interviews of residents of Estes Park, Haxtun, Johnstown, Loveland, and Phillips City.

There are presently 220 oral history tapes with 65 transcripts. In addition to these oral history interviews there are 40 taped lectures, radio programs, and speeches. A few of the tapes in the collection are restricted. Copies of the transcriptions may be checked out for one week; cassettes may be heard at the Library in two listening booths. The transcriptions are furnished at five cents per page and copies of the cassettes are made free of charge.

LOVELAND

Loveland Public Library
600 Cleveland Avenue
Loveland, Colorado 80537
667-4040

"Loveland and Thompson Valley Oral History"

The project's purpose is to collect, preserve, and make use of local color, the changing lifestyles by those who lived it. The specific subject is geographically the Big Thompson Valley or Loveland area.

In July, 1972, a librarian's hobby of oral history interviewing turned into a library project; the library furnished the tapes. There have been funds budgeted the last two years for taping and transcribing a limited number of tapes.

There are approximately fifty tapes and transcripts in the Loveland Public Library collection. Transcripts are being processed for circulation; original tapes are not available to the public.

HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

LOGAN COUNTY

FLEMING

Frenchman RE-3 School District
P. O. Box 468
Fleming, Colorado 80728
752-2022

"Fleming Local History"

In an attempt to keep an accurate oral account of the Fleming-area historical heritage, oral tapes were done by settlers of the Fleming community. Included is the history of the post office and school, recollections of homesteading, Indian battles, quilting, and reminiscences of life in Fleming.

The project, started in the fall of 1976, was a project for the senior English class. There are twelve tapes in the collection, and they are available for use at the high school.

STERLING

Sterling High School
West Broadway
Sterling, Colorado 80751
522-2944

"Whistlewind Quarterly"

Whistlewind Quarterly is a student publication which attempts to preserve the history of northeastern Colorado through interviews with elderly members of the community.

The project started in the fall of 1975, and is funded by donations, magazine sales, and various fund-raising activities.

The student interviewers have made approximately 150 tapes which have been transcribed. The tapes are stored at the Sterling High School; however, they are not available to the general public other than in printed form.

HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

MORGAN COUNTY

BRUSH

Brush Carnegie Library
Library Park
Brush, Colorado 80723
842-4877

"Brush and Surrounding Area"

This project was planned as a way to get interesting history of Brush and the surrounding area. The interviews are conducted by volunteers interested in the history of the area.

The project started in 1975; tapes were donated by the High Plains Regional Library Service System. The 38 tapes in the collection are available for use at the Brush Carnegie Library.

FORT MORGAN

Fort Morgan Library-Museum
City Park
Fort Morgan, Colorado 80701
867-7116

"Centennial Researchers"

This project was planned to preserve the stories of Morgan County homesteaders, early residents, and people of local or national interest.

The project, using volunteer interviewers, began as a part of the extended Library Services Federal Grant and presently has no funds, but efforts are being made to continue the interviews.

There are currently over fifty tapes and fifteen transcripts in the Fort Morgan Library collection. The material is available for use at the Library. Eventual plans are to have all tapes transcribed and the transcripts microfilmed to increase the availability of the collection.

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PHILLIPS COUNTY

HOLYOKE

Phillips County Museum
Holyoke, Colorado 80731
854-2129

"Phillips County Historical Society Project"

After publishing a softbound book, "Those Were the Days," a collection of family histories written by members of our pioneer settlers, it was decided to tape record their living descendants in an effort to record stories from the people who lived them.

The project started in 1972. The Haxtun Public Library donated the tapes. The project is ongoing with time limitations.

There are currently nine tapes in the collection which are available for use at the Phillips County Museum.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

AKRON

Akron Public Library
241 Bent Avenue (3rd and Main)
Akron, Colorado 80720
345-6543

"Washington County Oral History Project"

The purpose of this project is to supplement existing county historical material, for research in the study of county history. This is done by tape recording conversational interviews with older county residents. Interviews are also conducted with former residents of Washington County. The accent is on family histories, reminiscences, and personal feelings about the early days in this area.

This ongoing project began in March, 1975, and was originally funded by a Resources Utilization Grant through the High Plains Regional Library Service System. The interviews are conducted by librarian and community volunteers.

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WASHINGTON COUNTY

AKRON

The Akron Public Library has exclusive rights to the fifteen tapes in the present collection. The tapes are available to libraries, educational institutions, and study groups in Washington County.

WELD COUNTY

AULT

Ault Public Library
710 First Street, Box 147
Ault, Colorado 80610
834-1259

"Early History of Ault, Colorado"

The purpose of the project is to record the voices of Ault pioneers, and their stories of the history of Ault. The project's first tapes record the experiences up to the 1920s.

The project began in July, 1976, and will be ongoing if possible. The Ault Public Library Trustees and the High Plains Regional Library Service System provided the initial funding.

The interviewers are volunteers trained by a retired school teacher experienced in making tapes.

The collection has three sets of tapes. Pioneers came into the Library and were interviewed there. The tapes include interviews with 22 Ault residents.

Copies of tapes may be checked out by the public. Master tapes are at Ault Public Library with copies at the Fort Collins Public Library.

HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

WELD COUNTY

EATON

Eaton Public Library
Box 157
Eaton, Colorado 80615
454-2189

"Centennial-Bicentennial Oral History Tapes"

This project was started to record and keep the history of the Eaton area as recalled by the pioneers--history that would otherwise never be recorded.

In the summer of 1976, volunteers from the Library Board and the Eaton Centennial-Bicentennial Committee started making oral tapes of individual Eaton pioneers. The tapes include information about Eaton's churches, social groups, and civic organizations.

The High Plains Regional Library Service System originally provided the blank tapes; the project will continue as long as financially possible.

There are presently eight tapes and transcripts available. These are loaned to individuals and groups.

FORT LUPTON

Fort Lupton Public and School Library
453 First Street
Fort Lupton, Colorado 80621
857-6740

"Forlurado Centennial-Bicentennial Project"

The purpose of the project is to record early reminiscences of long-time residents and to serve as a community improvement project for the Forlurado Club.

The High Plains Regional Library Service System provided the tapes and the Forlurado Club funded additional expenses.

This ongoing project has generated ten tapes to date. These tapes are available for use at the Fort Lupton Public and School Library.

HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

WELD COUNTY

GREELEY

Greeley Municipal Museum
Civic Center Complex
Greeley, Colorado 80631
353-6123

"Weld County and Greeley History"

In 1974, volunteers started interviewing residents in Weld County and Greeley to preserve their recollections and reminiscences. The interviews reflect the diversity of the people in this part of Colorado.

The project is funded by the City of Greeley. The collection of fifteen tapes can be used for research at the Greeley Municipal Museum.

University of Northern Colorado
Michener Library
Greeley, Colorado 80639
351-2601

"Northern Colorado Oral History Program"

The prime objective of this project is to retrieve, preserve, and make accessible to all, the history and development of northern Colorado. The major emphasis at this time has focused upon Greeley and the University of Northern Colorado, the early history, influence, trends, and biographical data of prominent personalities.

Interviewing started in December, 1975, funded by the Michener Library. This ongoing project currently has thirty tapes in the collection with fifteen transcriptions. The original copies of the interviews are stored in the Archives and the second or duplicate copies are in the Microform Area. The duplicate copies are available to all interested persons at the Michener Library.

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WELD COUNTY

GREELEY

Weld County School District #6
811-15th Street
Greeley, Colorado 80631
351-2012

"Greeley's Past"

A long-time resident of Greeley, who is an authority on its past, was interviewed by teachers in the Weld County School District #6. She shared her knowledge and experiences. Two videotapes were made.

The interviews were conducted in the fall of 1976. The material may be checked out from the Audio-Visual Department at the Greeley School District #6.

JOHNSTOWN

Glenn A. Jones, M.D. Memorial Library
Johnstown, Colorado 80534
587-2459

"Local Johnstown/Milliken History"

This project started in January, 1975, and was planned to provide resource material on Johnstown and to supply program material. Residents in the town are interviewed about the history of the area.

The Library purchased the tape recorder and some tapes were provided by the High Plains Regional Library Service System.

The collection of ten taped interviews may be used at the Glenn A. Jones, M.D. Memorial Library; the master copies are at the Fort Collins Public Library.

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WELD COUNTY

LA SALLE

La Salle Heritage Society
19795 Weld County Road 50½
La Salle, Colorado 80645
284-7861

"Local History--Big Bend of the South Platte River Area"

The La Salle Heritage Society is preparing a local history to be published. The taped interviews were used as a research tool.

The project began in 1976, funded by a small grant from the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission. The local history is to be published before December, 1977.

After the tapes are indexed they will be deposited at Aims College in Greeley. Presently the tapes may be used by contacting the La Salle Heritage Society.

YUMA COUNTY

WRAY

East Yuma County Historical Society
140 West 4th Street
Wray, Colorado 80758

"East Yuma County Local History"

This project was planned to preserve information for the future. Local events and individual interviews are taped by interested members of the East Yuma County Historical Society.

The project has no funding at the present time. The collection of eight tapes may be used by arrangement with the East Yuma County Historical Society.

PLAINS AND PEAKS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

EL PASO COUNTY

CASCADE

Ute Pass Historical Society
P. O. Box 2
Cascade, Colorado 80809
684-9342

"Ute Pass Oral History Project"

This project covers the area between Cascade and Divide, Colorado. Interviews are being conducted with descendants of early settlers to obtain their versions of the early settlement and development of the Ute Pass area. Some of the people being interviewed are those who have made an impact on the area in the last 25 years. At the same time, efforts are being made to survey material that the interviewees may have that can be added to a collection for research or museum work.

The project started in February, 1976, funded by donations from the Lions Club and volunteer contributions. There are 25 tapes in the collection. The material is limited at this time; a history file at the Ute Pass Library is being established, and the tapes may be used there.

COLORADO SPRINGS

Colorado College
Tutt Library
Spanish Folklore of the Southwest
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901
473-2233, Ext. 223

"Spanish Folklore of the Southwest" --Robb Collection
--Ruben Cobos Collection

These two projects preserve the folk heritage of the Spanish-speaking people of New Mexico and Colorado. The collecting was begun in the 1940s; Colorado College received a copy of these two collections and assisted in their indexing beginning in 1973. The collections are more folkloric than historic, though the collections do contain some interesting oral history.

The collection by Dr. John D. Robb, musicologist from the University of New Mexico (now retired), is primarily of folk music. The other collection by Professor Ruben Cobos and his students from the

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University of New Mexico, is mostly in Spanish and contains thousands of items including bits of advice, songs, jokes, riddles, proverbs, fairy tales, anecdotes, prayers, folk remedies, slang, political speeches and events, local history, and descriptions of customs.

These two collections contain nearly 500 tapes, with over 230 transcriptions. Catalogs and indexes have been completed for half the material, and cassette copies are available for use at the Tutt Library. They are available for scholarly research and for use in bilingual-bicultural education. Some tapes are restricted--those containing penitent material.

Colorado College
Tutt Library
Special Collections Department
Cascade and San Rafael Street
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903
473-2233

"Tutt Library Oral History Project"

The purpose of the project is to expand Tutt Library's archive collection pertaining to the history of Colorado College. Informal, taped interviews, approximately one-hour long, are conducted with former faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Colorado College. They are asked to relate their recollections of Colorado College. The focus is principally on the feelings and personal reactions to the academic and social events, people, and issues of the College's past.

The project began in October, 1976, and is funded by regular Library funds budgeted through Colorado College. Its continuation depends upon availability of staff and Library funds. The interviewing is done by a paid library assistant.

There are approximately eighteen tapes in the collection; none are transcribed yet. None of the tapes are restricted and they are open to legitimate researchers for scholarly and educational purposes under the guidelines established by Colorado College.

PLAINS AND PEAKS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

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Penrose Public Library
Pikes Peak Regional Library District
20 North Cascade
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80901
473-2080

"Colorado Springs and El Paso County Oral History Project"

The purpose of this project is to preserve information about Colorado Springs and El Paso County that is not available in other formats and would not be preserved if it was not recorded. The focus is on history, economy, and lifestyles of Colorado Springs and El Paso County.

This ongoing project is funded by the Penrose Public Library budget. Presently the collection has 49 tapes containing seventy interviews; twenty tapes have been transcribed. The collection may be used at Penrose Public Library; tapes are not loaned.

"Eastern Plains Slide/Tape Documentary: 'As Far as the Eye Can See: A High Plains Documentary'"

In this project, interviews were conducted with residents of the eastern Colorado High Plains area to record history, lifestyles, and current problems. The tapes are preserved in the local history collection of the Library. Photographs and taped excerpts were combined into a 55-minute slide/tape program.

The project was completed in 1976; it was funded by the Friends of the Library with matching funds from the Colorado Centennial-Bicentennial Commission.

The collection of 38 tapes with 56 persons interviewed has been indexed and is available for use at the Pikes Peak Regional Library.

"Plains and Peaks Oral History Project"

This project generated ten interviews in each of the five counties which comprise the Plains and Peaks Regional Library Service System; historical sites in the area were photographed. The purpose of the project was to record the history of the area--history that otherwise would have been lost had it not been taped.

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The Plains and Peaks Oral History Project was funded through a Library Special Construction Act, Title I, grant administered through the Colorado Department of Education, Colorado State Library. The project was completed in 1975.

The collection of tapes numbers 75 with 56 persons interviewed. Eight tapes have been transcribed. This oral history collection is available for use at the Penrose Public Library in Colorado Springs.

Pioneer's Museum
215 South Tejon Street
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80903
471-6650

"Pioneer's Museum Oral History Project"

The purpose of this project is to interview pioneers of the Colorado Springs area for regional history.

The project was started in 1976, and tapes were donated by individuals. One historian and volunteers are the interviewers.

The thirty tapes in the collection may be used at the Pioneer's Museum.

United States Air Force Academy
The Academy Library
USAF Academy, Colorado 80840
472-3230/2835

"USAF Academy Oral History Project"

This collection consists of oral history tapes and transcripts generated by the Department of History, USAFA, and the Office of Air Force History, Headquarters, USAF. Oral histories related to Colorado consist of interviews (approximately ten as of 1977) conducted with former superintendents of the Academy and other individuals concerning the establishment, growth, and operation of the United States Air Force Academy.

The majority of interviews within the collection have been conducted with individuals prominent in the development of air power and air

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doctrine and are related to the origin and development of civil and military aeronautics in the United States.

The oral histories generated by the Department of History, USAFA, have been included in the Oral History Collections, Columbia University. The tapes and transcripts are available for use in the Special Collections Branch, United States Air Force Academy Library.

MANITOU SPRINGS

Miramont Castle Museum
P. O. Box 1876
(9 Capitol Hill Avenue)
Manitou Springs, Colorado 80829
685-1011

"History of Manitou and Manitou Springs"

This oral history project was planned to preserve the history of the community by recording the history through the reminiscences of surviving participants. There is a particular emphasis on the history of Miramont Castle and the Victorian era in Manitou.

The project is funded through Manitou Springs Historical Society funds. It began in the summer of 1976. The collection is small at the present time; the tapes are freely available at the Miramont Castle Museum.

PALMER LAKE

Palmer Lake Historical Society
P. O. Box 662
Palmer Lake, Colorado 80133
481-2829

"Palmer Lake Historical Society Oral History Collection"

This new project is being developed to preserve on tape the history of Palmer Lake by interviewing the "old-timers" of Palmer Lake.

The project is funded by the Palmer Lake Historical Society. The tapes eventually will be available for circulation at the Palmer Lake Community Library.

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LINCOLN COUNTY

LIMON

Limon School District RE-4J
Pioneer Schoolhouse Museum
P. O. Box 249
Limon, Colorado 80828
775-2350

"Pioneer Schoolhouse Museum Oral History Project"

This student project was developed to preserve oral history from people who are early residents of Lincoln County. The interviewers are members of a senior high school speech class.

The ongoing project was started in March of 1977, and has received a grant from the State Historical Society of Colorado. The Pioneer Schoolhouse Museum and Limon School District RE-4J will continue their financial support.

The interviewers are volunteers. They have conducted six interviews. The tapes of these interviews are available for use at the Limon Junior/Senior High School.

TELLER COUNTY

FLORISSANT

Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument
P. O. Box 185
Florissant, Colorado 80816
748-3253

"Local History 1875 to 1950s"

The purpose of this oral history project is to collect local history of the monument area. The information is to be used for public disseminations; especially at an 1875 homestead which is being renovated.

The ongoing project started in 1974, is funded by the National Park Service, and will proceed as time allows. Interviewers are regular staff members.

Currently the collection of three tapes may be used at the Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument headquarters by appointment only.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

ALAMOSA COUNTY

ALAMOSA

Great Sand Dunes National Monument
P. O. Box 60
Alamosa, Colorado 81101
378-2312

"Great Sand Dunes National Monument Oral History Collection"

This is a new project, July of 1977, to hold taped interviews with some of the older residents in the area. The tapes will be filed in the collection and will be transcribed with copies to be given to the Southern Peaks Library in Alamosa.

The project is funded by Federal funds, part of the monument's appropriation for the Interpretive Division. This ongoing project has only one tape presently. This tape may be used at the Great Sand Dunes National Monument; permission is required from the Superintendent.

ARCHULETA COUNTY

PAGOSA SPRINGS

Archuleta County Library
P. O. Box 893
Pagosa Springs, Colorado 81147
968-5698

"Archuleta County History"

The Archuleta County Library serves as the depository for a collection of tapes recorded in the spring of 1976. Students from Colorado Women's College interviewed elderly residents of the Pagosa Springs area.

This collection of fifteen tapes may be used at the Archuleta County Library.

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COSTILLA COUNTY

SAN LUIS

Costilla County Library
P. O. Box 1
San Luis, Colorado 81152
672-3309

"Costilla County Library Oral History Collection"

The purpose of this project is to preserve the history and culture of the Chicano residents in San Luis and Costilla County.

The project started in July, 1974, and is funded by a Special Project Grant through the Colorado State Library.

Most of the 35 tapes in the collection are in Spanish. The interviewers are three residents of San Luis and members of families who have lived in San Luis for many generations. The tapes can be checked out for three days by community residents and are available to all researchers.

LA PLATA COUNTY

BAYFIELD

Pine River Public Library
Box 288
Bayfield, Colorado 81122
884-2222

"Pine River Oral History"

The project was planned to establish material for use by the community in learning its history. Efforts are being made to gather materials on the early days of the Pine River community: its origins, its ways, and its people.

The interviewers, volunteer members of the Library Board, started taping in 1975. The project received funding from a Colorado State Library grant.

The present collection of eleven tapes with eight transcriptions may be used at the Pine River Public Library.

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

LA PLATA COUNTY

DURANGO

Fort Lewis College
Center for Southwest Studies
1549 West 3rd Avenue
Durango, Colorado 81301
247-7738

"Oral Indian History"

The Center for Southwest Studies has materials of a historical nature which pertain to the Southwest. The materials are housed in the Southwest Room of the Library.

Located in the Southwest Room is part of the Oral Indian History project, done by the Western History Center, University of Utah. The Center for Southwest Studies has those interviews which have to do with the Four Corners area or Fort Lewis College students.

There are 43 tapes with transcripts available for use with the permission of the Director of the Center for Southwest Studies.

MONTEZUMA COUNTY

CORTEZ

Cortez Public Library
802 East Montezuma
Cortez, Colorado 81321
565-8117

"Local History Seminar"

During National Library Week each year a Local History Seminar is held with local speakers. These talks and discussions are taped. The purpose is not only to collect oral history but also to expose the people in the community to their heritage. The first seminar was in April, 1973. The project is funded by the Cortez Public Library.

There are five reel-to-reel tapes and two cassette tapes of the seminars. Additional taped interviews with local residents have been made by members of the local newspaper staff. These tapes may be used in the Cortez Public Library.

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MONTEZUMA COUNTY

MANCOS

Mancos Public Library
P. O. Box 144
Mancos, Colorado 81328
533-7569

"Oral History of Mancos Valley"

The purpose of this project is to form a permanent record of memories of early residents of Mancos Valley. In 1974, during the early stages of the project, senior residents were asked to record their memories on the Library's tape recorder. Present plans include using trained interviewers.

The project was originally funded with a Library Special Construction Act grant. It is now funded by regular Library funds.

The collection of eighteen tapes and their transcriptions may be used at the Mancos Public Library.

SAN JUAN COUNTY

SILVERTON

San Juan County Historical Society
P. O. Box 154
Silverton, Colorado 81433
387-5770

"San Juan County Historical Society Archives"

The purpose of the project is to perpetuate taped oral and visual elements of as much of the history of San Juan County as possible. The Historical Society has established an archive in which it is keeping all forms of documents, records, and photographs, including small collections of cassettes and videotapes, most of them made possible through grant-funded programs in this decade.

The informal collection of tapes started in 1972, and the archive project in 1976. The collection is small: a few interviews and recordings of "panels" of old-timers appearing on a series of library and/or Historical Society monthly programs. The tapes may be used at the San Juan Historical Society.

THREE RIVERS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

EAGLE COUNTY

VAIL

Colorado Ski Museum Inc.
Colorado Ski Hall of Fame
Vail, Colorado 81657
476-1876

"Colorado Ski Museum Oral History"

This project tape records recollections of ski pioneers and significant persons associated with skiing in Colorado.

This ongoing project, started in the fall of 1976, is funded by the Museum's operating funds. The Museum opened to the public on February 20, 1977.

There are presently ten tapes. They are available for public use at the Museum.

GARFIELD COUNTY

GLENWOOD SPRINGS

Colorado Mountain College
Glenwood Springs Campus
3000-114 Road
Glenwood Springs, Colorado 81601
476-4040

"The Years Ahead: Life for the Aging of Northwest Colorado"

Senior citizens are a valuable human resource who are often ignored by the society they helped to produce. This project will address this and other problems of aging. The project will include extensive documentation, including photography and interviews, about aging in a rural area. The entire northwest quadrant of Colorado will be covered as information is gathered.

This documentation, as a slide/tape program, will introduce seminar discussions led by humanitist scholars. The discussions will be held in ten different northwest Colorado communities during the project's second phase.

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The project began in May, 1977, and is funded by the Colorado Humanities Program. Other agencies working on the project include: the Colorado West Area Council of Governments, the High County Retired Senior Volunteer Program, the Rocky Mountain Area Agency on Aging, Colorado Mountain College, and the Three Rivers Regional Library Service System.

The interviews are conducted by the experienced project directors. Scholars have been instrumental in planning the project and will help evaluate the documentation.

This project will generate numerous oral history interview tapes. These tapes will be available for public use at the Colorado Mountain College, Glenwood Springs Campus.

NEWCASTLE

Garfield County Public Library
Box 328
Newcastle, Colorado 81647

"Garfield County Local History"

The purpose of this project is to record the early history of Garfield County. The senior citizens who have lived most of their lives in the immediate area (Carbondale, Glenwood Springs, Grand Valley, Newcastle, and Rifle) are being interviewed.

The project began in 1974, and is funded by an ad valorem tax through the Library. The project is ongoing and has over twenty taped interviews. These oral history tapes are noncirculating, but may be heard at the Garfield County Public Library.

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GRAND COUNTY

HOT SULPHUR SPRINGS

Grand County Historical Association
P. O. Box 168
Hot Sulphur Springs, Colorado 80451
(No Telephone)

"Grand County Oral History"

Pioneers of the area are interviewed for historical records. The project, started in 1975, uses volunteer interviewers, and is funded by Association memberships and special fund-raising projects.

There are approximately fifteen tapes which need to be transcribed. The transcripts will be available for use through the Grand County Historical Association.

PITKIN COUNTY

ASPEN

Aspen Historical Society
620 West Bleeker Street
P. O. Box 1323
Aspen, Colorado 81611
925-3721

"Aspen Historical Society Oral History Project"

The Aspen Historical Society has had volunteers interviewing in the Aspen area over the past ten years. The questions range from historical to present-day activities and reminiscences. The interviews are primarily concerned with the recollections and knowledge of the Roaring Fork Valley area.

The project is ongoing, with limited funding through the Aspen Historical Society.

There are several hundred tapes in the collection including speeches, lectures, and radio interviews; nearly forty of these tapes are oral history interviews. These tapes are available to serious researchers.

THREE RIVERS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

RIO BLANCO COUNTY

MEEKER

White River Museum
565 Park
Meeker, Colorado 81641
878-9982

"Meeker History Book, Rio Blanco County Historical Society, Inc."

Local pioneers were interviewed when history was being gathered for a book published by the Rio Blanco County Historical Society. The first book, This is What I Remember, History of By-gone Days, has been published and a second history book is now in the process of being completed. Most of the tape-recorded interviews have been transcribed and are included in the books.

The collection of fifty tapes and transcripts are available for use at the White River Museum.

ROUTT COUNTY

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Steamboat Springs High School
Box 664
Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80477
879-1562

"Three Wire Winter"

This is a "foxfire"-type student project. The purpose is for education and to gather oral history of Routt County. A magazine researched, written, and illustrated by the students has been published.

The project began in the fall of 1976, and is funded by the sale of the magazine. The project is ongoing; the interviewers are Steamboat Springs High School students.

There are currently 75 tapes in the collection. Nearly fifty have been transcribed. This oral history material is available for use at the Steamboat Springs High School.

THREE RIVERS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

SUMMIT COUNTY

DILLON

Summit Historical Society
P. O. Box 747
403 La Vonte Street
Dillon, Colorado 80435
468-6079

"Summit County History"

The purpose of this project was to gather teaching material for courses in Summit County History. Interviews were conducted with persons having special knowledge of geology, mining, early history, railroads, schools, and antiquities of Summit County. Interviewees discussed their respective specialties.

The tapes were produced in 1969 by the Summit Historical Society. If the course in Summit County History is offered again by Colorado Mountain College, more tapes will be made.

The current collection consists of twelve tapes, with one transcribed. These may be heard at the Summit Historical Society.

ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

At the time of printing, the Colorado Center for Oral History had insufficient information for full descriptions of the following projects:

ARKANSAS VALLEY REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

FREMONT COUNTY

FLORENCE

Florence Public Library
2nd and Pikes Peak
Florence, Colorado 81226
784-9973

"Florence Local History"

CENTRAL COLORADO REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

BOULDER COUNTY

NEDERLAND	"Nederland Local History"
SUGARLOAF/BOULDER	"Sugarloaf Local History"
WARD	"Ward Local History"

CLEAR CREEK COUNTY

SILVER PLUME

Silver Plume Schoolhouse Museum
People for Silver Plume, Inc.
P. O. Box 935
Silver Plume, Colorado 80476
569-3118

"Silver Plume Oral History Project"

DENVER COUNTY

DENVER

Bromwell Elementary School
2500 East 4th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80218
388-5969

"History of Bromwell Elementary School"

DENVER "Coal Mining Project"

HIGH PLAINS REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

SEDGWICK COUNTY

SEDGWICK

Sedgwick Public Library
Box 236
Sedgwick, Colorado 80749
463-8832

"Sedgwick Local History"

SOUTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY SERVICE SYSTEM

ALAMOSA COUNTY

ALAMOSA

Adams State College
Department of History
Alamosa, Colorado 81102
589-7781

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ROUTT COUNTY

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS

Bud Werner Memorial Library
East Routt Library District
P. O. Drawer 9076
Steamboat Springs, Colorado 80477
879-0204

"Steamboat Springs Historical Society Project"

YAMPA

Yampa Library
Yampa, Colorado 80483

"Yampa Local History"

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